

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of March 11, 2010 is gratefully acknowledged.

The prosecution in this application has been reopened by the Office Action of March 11, 2010. Claims 16 - 31 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Dreyer in view of Olsson. The examiner considers Olsson to be a better reference to apply in combination with Dreyer.

After careful consideration of the noted rejection and the references cited, applicant has decided to combine most of claim 25 with claim 16. The seal of claim 25 is quite different from what the examiner considers a "seal" in Dreyer. The "seal 33" of Dreyer is a gasket or O-ring, and as such is a form of seal, but it is certainly not a seal as seal is defined in claim 16 as now amended. The recitation in the last two paragraphs of claim 16 defines structure which together with the seal provides a better understanding of the structural relationship. The projection and groove as recited in these paragraphs cannot be duplicated in Dreyer or Dreyer and Olsson.

Applicants request reconsideration and reexamination in view of the above amendments and remarks made above. The noted amendments represent a bona fide attempt to place this application in condition for allowance, and a finding that claims 16 - 24 and 26 - 31 are allowed is respectfully solicited.

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